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**Letter dated 24 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of
Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

In my capacity as Permanent Representative of the Government of Nicaragua, which, in the person of President Daniel Ortega Saavedra, holds the presidency pro tempore of the Central American Integration System, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Declaration of the Heads of State and Government of the Central American Integration System on the meeting between the Presidents of the Isthmus and the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, adopted at the Summit of the Americas held in Trinidad and Tobago on 17 and 18 April 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this document distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 20, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 64, 97, 98 and 107.

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Annex to the letter dated 24 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Declaration of the Central American Integration System on the meeting between the Presidents of the Isthmus and the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, adopted at the Summit of the Americas held in Trinidad and Tobago on 17 and 18 April 2009

The Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA), gathered in Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of their meeting with the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, at the Fifth Summit of the Americas, considered the following issues to be key priorities for an agenda of dialogue and cooperation between the SICA countries and the United States of America:

1. Support for recapitalization of the Inter-American Development Bank;
2. Support for the strengthening of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration through lines of credit and loan negotiation;
3. Provision of financial resources to United States companies and other companies that operate in the SICA countries within the framework of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) and support for ratification of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement;
4. An end to large-scale deportation from the United States of citizens of SICA countries, taking the following elements into account:
 - A. Early exchange of information on any criminal activities in which deportees may be involved;
 - B. Maintenance of temporary protected status for the citizens of SICA countries, where it already exists, and its extension to any countries that request it as a means of combating the impact of a global financial crisis;
 - C. Signature of an agreement allowing citizens of SICA countries who are subject to deportation and are serving a sentence in the United States to serve it in their countries of origin; and
 - D. In coordination with United States employers, establishment of a quota mechanism for hiring agricultural workers who are nationals of SICA countries;
5. Increased financial and technical cooperation for effective implementation of the Security Strategy for Central America and Mexico; and
6. Increased cooperation in combating drug trafficking and organized crime.

The declaration is signed by the Presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, the Dominican Republic (as an observer) and Belize.